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Title: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION WITH AN EXTRUSION ADDITIVE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International application, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

5. (Amended) Pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 1, wherein as an additional adjuvant, polyvinylpyrrolidone, polyethylene glycol or vinylpyrrolidone-vinyl acetate copolymer or a mixture that consists of the above-mentioned substances is contained.

6. (Amended) Pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 1, wherein the melt extrusion is carried out without additional heat input.

7. (Amended) Pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 that can be obtained by mixing 17- $\beta$ -estradiol, polyvinylpyrrolidone and saccharose monopalmitate and joint melt extrusion at 60°C.

8. (Amended) Pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 that can be obtained by mixing 17- $\beta$ -estradiol, polyvinylpyrrolidone and glycerol tribehenate and joint melt extrusion at 60°C.

9. (Amended) Pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 that can be obtained by mixing ethinylestradiol, polyvinylpyrrolidone and saccharose monopalmitate and joint melt extrusion at 60°C.

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